

House Resolution No. 317

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the life and lifetime achievements of one of Jackson County's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Hilda Gibbs, a treasured resident of Kansas City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eighty-seventh Birthday on February 12, 2002; and

Whereas, Hilda Emma Lutz came into this world in Freiburg/Breisgau, Germany, on February 12, 1915, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Eugene and Ida Schwörer Lutz, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Hilda was educated in Neustadt, Germany, where she received a trained apprenticeship as a secretary for three years before working as a governess for families in Paris and in London and making a one-way trip to the United States on May 11, 1939; and

Whereas, on May 27, 1949, Hilda embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Robert Edmund "Bob" Gibbs, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she bought a candy business in New York before employment opportunities took them to the states of Colorado, Iowa, Texas, and finally Kansas City, Missouri, in 1962, where she went on to distinguish herself as a stellar employee at Putsch's on The Plaza, The Colony on Broadway, and The Plaza III Restaurant on The Country Club Plaza; and

Whereas, a strong supporter of the arts who has compiled an enviable list of service to the Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kemper Museum, Missouri Repertory, and the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival, Hilda Gibbs has worked to protect her neighborhood through involvement with the Citizens Crusade Against Crime, the Westport-Roanoke Community Council, the AARP, The Woman's City Club, Westport Crime Prevention Commission, The Southmoreland Neighborhood Association, Truman Medical Center, and the Plaza Westport Neighborhood Association, of which she has served as President since 1993; and

Whereas, now eighty-seven years young, Hilda Gibbs faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, encouraging others to take pride in their neighborhoods and working for the betterment and preservation of her community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday wishes to Hilda Gibbs as she proudly celebrates eighty-seven years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace and contentment as she continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Hilda Gibbs, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Henry C. Rizzo
District No. 40

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 317, adopted February 18, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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